

"DEVELOPMENT, ANALYSIS AND DOCUMENTATION OF PLANNING OPTIONS"				"MAKING THE PLANNING DECISION"		"IMPLEMENT"
ALTERNATIVE FORMULATION	ESTIMATION OF EFFECTS	SELECT PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE	ISSUE NOA	SELECT THE RMP/ISSUE NOA		
5 DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE RMPs FOR EIS	6 ANALYZE ALTERNATIVE RMPs FOR EIS	7 DEVELOP AND ANALYZE BLM PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE		8a DEVELOP PROPOSED RMP AND FINAL EIS	8b APPROVE RMP	9 MONITORING & EVALUATION
<i><b>*To describe, for analysis, alternatives (i.e., alternative RMPs) to existing mgt., each with a full range &amp; mix of multiple use mgt. options &amp; actions which address the problems &amp; concerns, provide different answers to the planning questions, &amp; that could resolve the mgt. issues.</b></i>	<i>*To identify and describe potential impacts and changes that would occur with each alternative RMP</i>  <i>*To identify and describe ways to avoid or mitigate any adverse impacts that would occur with each alternative RMP</i>	<i>*To identify which of the alternative RMPs analyzed (task 6), or which parts of them combined (or a "new" alternative) the BLM prefers &amp; considers the best to resolve the problems, conflicts, concerns &amp; issues with existing mgt.</i>  <i>*To clearly explain the mgt. direction BLM intends to take for managing the planning area</i>	<i>*To provide the public notice of availability(NOA) of the Draft EIS</i>  <i><b>*To provide opportunity for public review and comment on the Draft EIS</b></i>	<i>*To select the proposed RMP, after considering public comment on Draft EIS</i>  <i>*To document the proposed RMP</i>  <i><b>*To provide for protest period - 43 CFR 1610.5-2 - &amp; Governor's consistency review</b></i>	<i>*To select &amp; approve the RMP, after resolving any protests, considering any further public input, &amp; after completing Governor's consistency review</i>  <i>*To document the final planning decision ("The" RMP)</i>	<i>*To track RMP implementation &amp; success in meeting objectives</i>  <i>*To keep the RMP current</i>  <i>*To assess if the RMP is still the best mgt. direction</i>
<i>*The Draft EIS for the RMP-- Includes:</i>  <i><b>*5 - Descriptions of comprehensive resource management alternatives (i.e., "alternative RMPs"), each of which is a complete plan that could be adopted as the RMP. Together with the "No Action" alternative (task 1), this makes up part of the alternatives section (Chapter 2) of the Draft EIS for the RMP. **Includes informal public involvement/input**</b></i>  <i><b>*6 - The environmental consequences section of the Draft EIS (i.e., part of Chapter 4, the environmental consequences of the alternative RMPs).</b></i>  <i>*7 - Description of the BLM Preferred Alternative and the rationale for its selection (included with task 5 in Chapter 2 of the Draft EIS); and</i>  <i>- Description of the environmental consequences of the preferred alternative (included with task 6 in Chbapter 4 of the Draft EIS).</i>  <i>*The Draft EIS for the RMP also includes an introductory section (Chapter 1) describing the planning issues and planning criteria (tasks 1 &amp; 2), a description of the affected environment (Chapter 3 -- task 1), and a description of the public involvement and coordination occurring during the planning effort (Chapter 5).</i>			<i><b>*A Federal Register notice</b></i>  <i><b>*Media releases &amp; paid public notices</b></i>  <i><b>*Mailings to individuals, groups, &amp; agencies</b></i>	<i>*8a - Proposed RMP and Final EIS (includes BLM responses to public comments on Draft EIS).</i>  <i><b>*8a - NOA (Federal Register notice) of Proposed RMP &amp; FEIS &amp; the protest period.</b></i>  <i><b>*8a &amp; 8b - Media releases &amp; paid public notices</b></i>  <i><b>*8a &amp; 8b - Mailings to individuals, groups, agencies.</b></i>  <i>*8b - Record of Decision (ROD) &amp; the Approved RMP (i.e., "The RMP") - includes Summary of public involvement and Governor consistency review --Federal Register notice optional.</i>		<i>*A strategy document for implementing the RMP - to be kept current</i>  <i>*A monitoring plan to be kept current &amp; to include data &amp; analyses for any needs to maintain, amend or revise the RMP</i>